THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) and (b) The available information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). Rehabilitation of Bonded labour is the responsibility of the State Government. The State Goevrnment has not furnished information about the money actually spent during the last three years.

(c) The targets for rehabilitation of bonded labourers are fixed annually. The target for the year 1987-88 is 800. A sum of Rs. 97.5 lakhs has been earmarked in the State Seventh Plan for rehabilitation of bonded labourers. The Central Plan Allocation for the Seventh Plan has not been allocated State-wise. Central grants are released to the State Governments keeping in view the progress in rehabilitation and on furnishing utilisation certificates by the State Governments.

Statement

Year	Amount of Central Share released (Rs. in lakhs)	Number of bonded labourers rehabilitated
1984-85 . . .	1.5	832
1985-86 . . .	..	779
1986-87 . . .	..	1017

Unauthorised import of articles through Foreign Post Offices

3246. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised import of various articles concealed in postal packages, from abroad through our Foreign Post Offices has been on the increase;

(b) how many such cases of smuggling have been detected during the period from 1st Jnauary, 1984 to 31st July, 1987;

(c) what is the number of persons found guilty in such cases and the action taken against them; and

(d) what procedure is being followed for disposal of such items by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bauxite Project of BALCO in Orissa

3247. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bauxite Project of the Bharat Aluminium Company in Orissa has been pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the extent of damage likely to be caused to Gandhamadan hills in Orissa on implementation of Gandhamadan Bauxite Project by BALCO;

(c) whether any study has been made in this regard by his Ministry, and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.D. Nagchaudhury, which was appointed by the Department of Mines, has prepared a report on the environmental aspects of this project. The project has been approved from the environmental as well as forestry angles An Environmental Management Authority (EMA) has been constituted to ensure effective implementation of requisite environmental safequards.